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August 13, 2015

Kevin Turpin
P.O. Box 281
Fairview, Utah 84629

Subject: Conditional Permit to Commence Small Mine Activities, Kevin Turpin, Turpin Mine, S/039/0037, Sanpete County, Utah

Dear Mr. Turpin:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining finds your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations (Notice) complete and approves the reclamation surety for the Turpin mine. The surety amount is escalated until 2018. You are now permitted to conduct mining activities as outlined in the Notice provided you have approval from all other appropriate agencies. The approval or acceptance of a complete notice of intention does not relieve an operator from his responsibility to comply with the applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and ordinances of all local, state and federal agencies with jurisdiction over any aspect of the operator's mining operations. Enclosed please find a copy of the reclamation contract and stamped complete Notice.

As conditions to your small mining permit, you are required to:

- 1) Meet the enclosed payment schedule for providing the total required reclamation surety of \$3,000. **Please sign the payment schedule and return a copy to the Division no later than August 28, 2015.** Your next payment of at least \$500 is due on September 5, 2015. This schedule was discussed over the phone and documented in a February 12, 2015, email.
- 2) Limit the depth of excavation to a maximum of four feet. If you wish to excavate deeper than four feet, you will be required to amend the Notice and provide additional reclamation surety.

Please keep in mind the following regulatory requirements:

- Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning activities will help ensure successful revegetation. Even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory surety release.

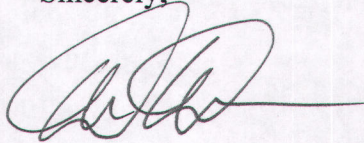


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- If you encounter any archaeological or historical items, you are asked to notify this office and the Division of State History.
- Permit fees and annual reports are due by January 31st.

The Division's web page at <http://ogm.utah.gov> under the Mining Program has a link to the rules under which you are expected to operate and to other information to assist you in complying with program requirements. Thank you for your cooperation. In reply, please refer to file number S/039/0037. Please contact Peter Brinton at 801-538-5258 or Paul Baker at 801-538-5261 if you have questions or concerns regarding this action.

Sincerely,



Dana Dean, P.E.
Associate Director, Mining

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Enclosure: Copy of RC & surety forms
Copy of complete NOI

Copy of Payment Schedule for Kevin Turpin

cc: Scott Olsen, Sanpete County; solsen@sanpetecounty-ut.gov

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